AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00AM  Registration/Check In

9:00 – 9:15AM  Welcome & Updates from APA/NYUAPA

9:20 – 10:30AM  Session 1: Linking Environmental Funding, Planning & Other Resources to benefit Upstate New York’s Communities  CM | 1.0  
Meredith Perreault

10:50 – 12:00AM  Session 2: How Effective Public Engagement Help You Manage Risk  CM | 1.0  
Susan Hopkins, AICP 1 CM

12:00 – 1:15PM  Lunch with Legislative Affairs Update  CM | 1.0  
Darren Kempner, AICP 1 CM

1:30 – 3:00PM  Session 4: Case Law Update  CM | 1.5 | Law  
Timothy Frateschi, Esq. 1.5 CM

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Presenter Biographies

Meredith Perreault

Meredith is the Program Manager at the Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions/Environmental Finance Center. Meredith manages watershed planning, local government assistance and community resiliency initiatives for the SU Environmental Finance Center. She has expertise in collaborative watershed planning and management, water quality and land conservation education and outreach. Prior to joining Syracuse University, Meredith served as executive director of Central New York Land Trust and as a project manager for Onondaga Environmental Institute. Meredith has a master’s degree in Geography from Texas State University and lives in Syracuse, NY

Susan Hopkins, AICP

Susan Hopkins brings over 15 years of planning experience, specializing in economic development, economic/market analysis, and policy development. She also specializes in strategic meeting facilitation and public engagement techniques tailored to planning and economic development projects. Prior to joining Highland Planning, Hopkins held the position of Project Manager at ECONorthwest, an economics consulting firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon. She later served as a Detroit Revitalization Fellow and Program Manager with the Downtown Detroit Partnership, where she managed the formation of a $4M business improvement district in downtown Detroit. With a focus on innovative engagement processes and effective evaluation techniques, Hopkins draws on her planning and economic development experience throughout the US to help clients achieve advanced planning goals.

Darren Kempner, AICP

Darren oversees the Grants Department and will be responsible for supervising the governmental assistance programs for all areas within the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. Darren holds a BA in economics/accounting from the College of the Holy Cross, is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State, and earned his Master’s in urban and regional planning from the University of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning. He received further training through the GFOA Advanced Government Finance Institute, the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. Most recently, Darren has worked with the WNY Regional Economic Development Council and with Erie County’s Department of Environment and Planning. He currently services as the Director of Legislative Affairs for NY Upstate APA. In his free time Darren attempts home improvement projects, runs road races and perfects his bowling, tailgating, dancing and skiing skills.

Timothy A. Frateschi, Esq.

Timothy A. Frateschi, Esq. was trained as a corporate attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC. He was a Member in the Law Firm of Harris Beach PLLC were he practiced in the Public Finance & Economic Development Practice Group. He represents governmental, quasi-governmental agencies and Industrial Development Agencies in all aspects of municipal and economic development law. Mr. Frateschi is also the Town Attorney for the Town of Manlius where he represents the town in all areas of general municipal law, which has included labor and employment, collective bargaining agreements, creating special districts, and negotiating tax certiorari cases. Mr. Frateschi knows all sides of the municipal table, being the former Chairman of the Planning Board in the Town of Salina for nearly a decade and representing developers in front of Boards. Before resuming his private practice, Mr. Frateschi served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office. From 1997-1999, Mr. Frateschi served Governor George E. Pataki as the Regional Director for the Empire State Development Corporation, where he oversaw all state related economic development activities within Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties. From 1992-1997, Mr. Frateschi was chief of staff for State Senator John A. DeFrancisco.